Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know from the hon. the Law Member whether, in view of the experience we have had of the contractors hitherto, any arrangements have been made for the inspection of the contractors' coupes for the purpose of ascertaining whether they are carrying out this condition of their contract, that they should sell fuel at standard rates to ryots?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I am not able to say now, but if my hon. Friend gives me notice, I will make enquiries."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, now if he will order such arrangements to be made?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"As a matter of fact, the order has already been passed that they should sell at standard rates."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"I am asking, Sir, whether the hon. the Law Member will be willing to send out instructions that the contractors' coupes should be examined from time to time by the authorities concerned or by some other agency to find out whether they are fulfilling these conditions or not?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I shall do so, Sir."

Report regarding fire tracing in exterior lines of forests by forest panchayats.

* 589 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether he has received the report referred to in the answer to question No. 5 answered on 3rd September 1928 regarding the fire tracing of the exterior lines of forests by forest panchayats?

A.—Yes. A copy [a] of the Chief Conservator's report is appended.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—"With reference to the information furnished by the Chief Conservator in clause (*a*), may I ask why this new condition was inserted in the agreement last year? (Appendix I—Question 5, dated 3rd September 1928.)"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I want notice."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—"With reference to clause (*d*) may I know, Sir, whether this refund of grazing fees was not given even before this new duty was imposed upon the forest panchayats?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"Notice again, Sir."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—"May I know, Sir, whether the Government propose to remove this new condition from the agreement in view of the fact that five out of the nine panchayats have declined to renew their agreements?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"No. Sir."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—"May I know, Sir, why?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"Because Government will otherwise have to spend money."

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a Printed as Appendix IV on pages 541–542 infra.